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AMENDMENT AFTER RCE

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Dear Sir:

The following communication is an Amendment responsive to the final Office Action mailed December 20, 2001, filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. In response to the Office Action:

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, 75, and 124-126 are pending. Please note that Applicants have enclosed the Declaration by Roderick Chappel which was enclosed with the response to the previous Office Action mailed March 28, 2001.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has maintained his rejection of Claims 1-2 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hookey (EMBL Z21634). The Examiner maintains that because the Hookey citation teaches the entire rRNA sequence of *Leptospira inadai* strain Lyme, described therein as a phylogeny of *Leptospira* that this anticipates *Leptospira* which are serologically cross-reactive with *Leptospira fainei* strain WKID (AGAL N95/69684).